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re child custody case of Timothy and Grace Stoen, child being held in Guyana (John Victor Stoen)

From: Timothy + Grace Stoen

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WE DESPERATELY PLEAD FOR YOUR HELP IN GETTING OUR SIX YEAR OLD SON, JOHN VICTOR STOEN, NOW BEING FORCIBLY HELD AGAINST OUR WILL IN GUYANA, SOUTH AMERICA BY A CERTAIN JIM JONES OF THE PEOPLES TEMPLE.

THE SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA ON NOVEMBER 18, 1977 FOUND JONES IN VIOLATION OF ITS ORDER TO APPEAR, AND FURTHER ORDERED HIM TO IMMEDIATELY DELIVER THE CHILD TO US. THE COURT GAVE US LEAVE TO INSTITUTE CONTEMPT PROCEEDINGS, AND IT ORDERED SAN FRANCISCO DISTRICT ATTORNEY JOSEPH FREITAS, JR. TO "TAKE ALL ACTIONS NECESSARY" TO SECURE JONES' COMPLIANCE WITH THE ORDER.

JONES STILL REFUSES TO GIVE US OUR CHILD. ON JANUARY 4, 1978 WE TRAVELLED TO GUYANA TO SEE OUR SON AND AWAIT A COURT DECISION THERE. JONES REFUSED TO LET US SEE OUR SON. THE GUYANESE COURTS STILL HAVE NOT RENDERED A DECISION ON HABEAS CORPUS PROCEEDINGS BROUGHT LAST SEPTEMBER. UPON LEAVING GUYANA ON JANUARY 18, WE WERE MET BY AGENTS OF JONES AND PEOPLES TEMPLE WHO SAID IF WE RETURNED TO GUYANA WE WOULD BE KILLED.

WE EARNESTLY AND RESPECTFULLY ASK THAT YOU REQUEST THE U. S. STATE DEPARTMENT AND ANY OTHER APPROPRIATE AGENCY TO DEMAND THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF GUYANA HONOR THE ABOVE-MENTIONED UNITED STATES ORDER UNDER THE GENERAL PRINCIPLES OF COMITY. JONES AND ALL PARTIES INVOLVED ARE U. S. CITIZENS.

THANK YOU FROM THE BOTTOM OF OUR HEARTS.

MOST SINCERELY,

TIMOTHY AND GRACE STOEN
(PARENTS OF JOHN VICTOR STOEN)
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